

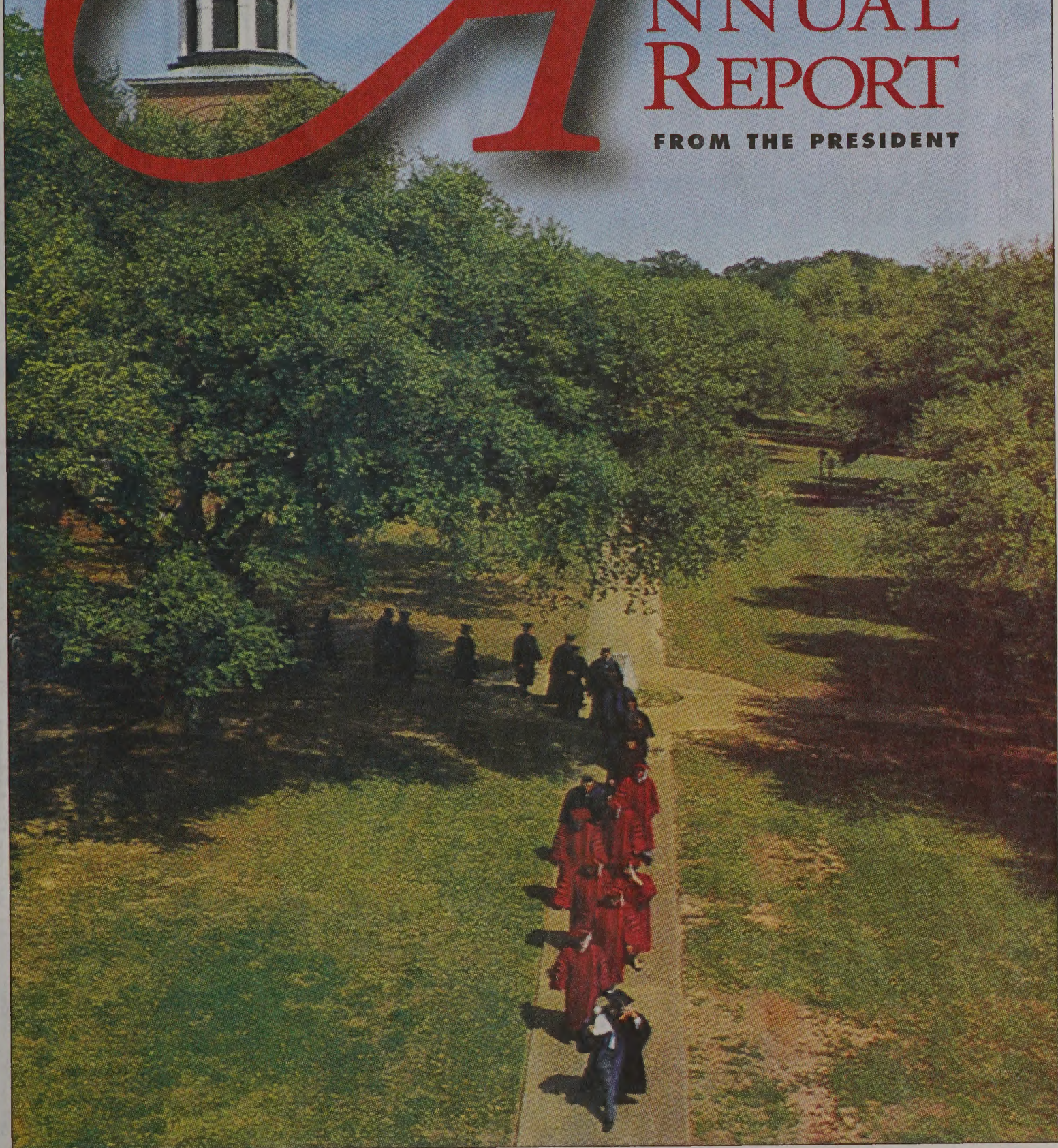
CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA



1997-98

ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE PRESIDENT



1997-98

A VERY GOOD YEAR

O U R V I S I O N

Since its founding in 1825, Centenary College has been committed to the preservation of academic rigor, high standards of personal conduct, and the integrated development of the mind, body, and spirit of its students. The College encourages a lifelong dedication to learning and to serving others.

We will continue to enhance our reputation as one of the premier student-centered liberal arts colleges in the nation — one that leaves a positive and permanent mark on the life of every graduate and focuses on the development of cultured, well-rounded individuals who will be responsible, skilled and capable of exercising leadership.

Our student body will be diverse, comprised of persons from different cultures, geographical areas, and age groups. Guided and mentored by gifted faculty and staff, students will excel in high-quality programs. They will develop on a campus characterized by rich opportunities for interaction with outstanding scholars, artists, and leaders. Increasing numbers of students will enroll in graduate and professional programs after completion of their undergraduate studies and develop as leaders in their chosen fields.

Building on current strengths, the College will increase its standing as one of the nation's finest small colleges, elevate its position within the ranks of the top 200 math/science programs in the U.S., and enhance its status as a regional center for the performing and visual arts. Although our primary program focus will be on undergraduate education in the liberal arts and sciences, we will continue to offer a limited number of graduate programs that reflect the spe-



cial needs of the region's population and the economy.

All programs will be taught by faculty who are not only recruited for their strong academic credentials but also for their demonstrated skills as teachers, their commitment to scholarship, and their recognition of the centrality of the involvement of students in their own learning.

In addition to the importance of the College as a place that nurtures and sustains high-quality teaching and learning, together with the development of character, we recognize the significance of Centenary

College as a good place to be. As such, the college will continue to develop both activities that are educational in nature and those that are simply fun. Already known for the beauty of its setting, the institution will also continue to develop and enhance the physical plant and campus grounds, both in support of the high quality of life to which we are committed and as a visual statement — one that reflects the excellence that takes place every day at Centenary College.

To realize this vision, Centenary will focus its efforts over the next two to four years in four areas:

- increase academic quality,
- enhance student life,
- support technology, and
- develop superior financial management, development, and external relations resources in behalf of the College.

To enhance the excellence of the College, Centenary has developed the goals and objectives outlined below.

O U R P L A N

ACADEMIC QUALITY

Among prospective students and the public, the esteem in which colleges and universities are held is determined by numerous factors, but no considerations are more central than two: the excellence and variety of programs delivered by the faculty, and the quality and responsiveness of staff that support the institution in achieving academic excellence. As a selective college approaching its third century of service to students, Centenary will not abandon the tradition that has identified this institution — the oldest higher education institution west of the Mississippi — as one of the nation's finest small colleges. It will maintain its high standards, continue to refine the curriculum consistent with a changing society and the needs of students and, as always, recruit and nurture the highest quality faculty and staff to support the education and development of students.

G O A L S

1 Obtain necessary equipment, facilities and information resources to support academic programs and research. Those who write about our era describe it as the "Age of Technology" or, alternatively, the "Age of Information," in which knowledge is said to double every four years. Both

terms reflect profound changes we have experienced as a result of advancements in science and technology in recent decades. Unthinkable goals only a generation ago were the mapping of the human genome and creation of a computer network providing instant links with data bases that support faculty and students in the sciences, social sciences, and the humanities as well as with tens of millions of persons of every kind and in every sector of the world. Sophisticated scientific instrumentation and increasingly powerful and affordable computers, however, have made these goals a reality today. The challenge for all high-quality academic institutions is to provide their programs with equipment and information resources adequate to prepare their students not only for competence in this knowledge-intensive world, but leadership in that sector as well. Toward that end, we will:

- Fund a \$1 million endowment by December 2003 with which to support equipment purchases.
- STATUS: Request was submitted in 1997-98 to Board of Regents for 15 endowed professorships, supported by a \$1.5 million endowment, with which to create a faculty support fund that can be used for equipment purchases. Three professorships approved for 1998-99, with the additional 12 remaining for future funding.
- Obtain \$280,800 for equipment and laboratory renovation by August 2000.
- STATUS: Funded by Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Renovation under way.

- Submit a minimum of two proposals per year to the National Science Foundation, other agencies, and foundations with which to fund equipment purchases.

■ STATUS: Ongoing, \$355,829 proposal submitted for equipment funding in 1998-99.

- Obtain funding for space renovation and construction of a multimedia laboratory in Magale Library to support foreign language and other teaching.

■ STATUS: Proposal submitted to foundation. Schematic developed.

- Obtain funding for and install an integrated library system with which to provide networked access to the catalogue and other services.

■ STATUS: Funding obtained; system installed summer, 1998.

- Obtain funding to create three electronic classrooms with which to support innovative teaching.

■ STATUS: Funds obtained for one renovation. Installation in Mickle Hall auditorium scheduled for summer, 1999.

- Link PC clusters in student residence halls to the campus computer network by August 1996.

■ STATUS: Funds obtained; completed August 1996. PCs augmented and upgraded to Pentiums in summer, 1998.

- Renovate and equip biophysics laboratory in Mickle Hall by January 1997.

■ STATUS: Funds obtained; lab installed.

- Renovate and equip two biology laboratories in Mickle Hall by May 1997.

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At the White House

DECEMBER 1997

Kenneth L. Schwab

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we enter the holiday season and approach the end of the current calendar year, the

College is pleased to provide a report of the 1997-98 academic year. Presented here are summaries of our financial statements, activities and accomplishments, along with our honor roll of donors. This report also contains an abbreviated and updated version of our vision statement and planning document, which outlines goals and objectives for the coming two to four years.

The activities outlined here and the ones that have happened since attest to the fact that Centenary is becoming an even stronger college. Exciting things are happening. At this time last year, we had just celebrated Centenary's largest contribution ever — \$10 million — followed shortly by a \$2 million gift. The Choir had been invited to sing at the White House, enrollment was on the upswing, and we had dedicated our first apartment-style residence hall.

This year, the progress continues. We have enrolled our largest freshman class since the baby boom years of the 1960s. *U.S. News* ranks us as the "No. 1 Best Value" in the South. A Centenary professor — Dr. Dana Kress — is the Louisiana Professor of the Year.

Along with this momentum come the challenges of completing our comprehensive campaign, constructing a Wellness Center and Performing Arts Center, renovating Mickle Hall of Science and Moore Student Center, and continuing to serve our students in innovative ways. Details of these goals are contained in the planning part of this report.

All these activities — past accomplishments and future plans — are enhanced by the gifts of those whose names appear on the following pages. As you look them over, please accept our sincerest appreciation and join with me in celebrating the unique experience that is Centenary College.

Kenneth L. Schwab
President

STATUS: Funds obtained; renovation completed and equipment installed. Lab space for new neuroscience chair will be renovated upon appointment of incumbent.

- Obtain funds for and construct additional space for classrooms, dance studio, office space, and storage in Marjorie Lyons Playhouse by August 2003.

STATUS: Concept integrated into planned arts complex. Schematic rendered by architect, spring, 1998.

- Obtain \$1,000,000 by August 2003 with which to enhance print and electronic information resources for Magale Library.

STATUS: Campaign goal.

- Obtain funds by 2000 with which to repair and treat windows and brickwork at the Meadows Museum.

STATUS: Campaign goal. Funds obtained for window replacement and project completed summer, 1997. Brickwork partially completed.

- Address individual needs of programs in the arts.

STATUS: Discussions undertaken in spring, 1998, with faculty in the arts about space needs for a projected arts complex; preliminary design completed by architect. Video equipment for communication component of arts complex obtained spring, 1998. New Dean of the Hurley School of Music and Director of Meadows Museum appointed summer, 1998.

- Create a \$1 million endowment to support faculty and student research by August 2003.

STATUS: Campaign goal. Proposal for matching funds submitted to Board of Regents in spring, 1998 for matching funds to create 15 endowed professorships, endowment earnings from which will help support this objective. Three approved, summer 1998; additional 12 remain for future Board of Regents funding.

- Create an endowment to support maintenance of Brown Chapel, including the organ.

STATUS: Pending.

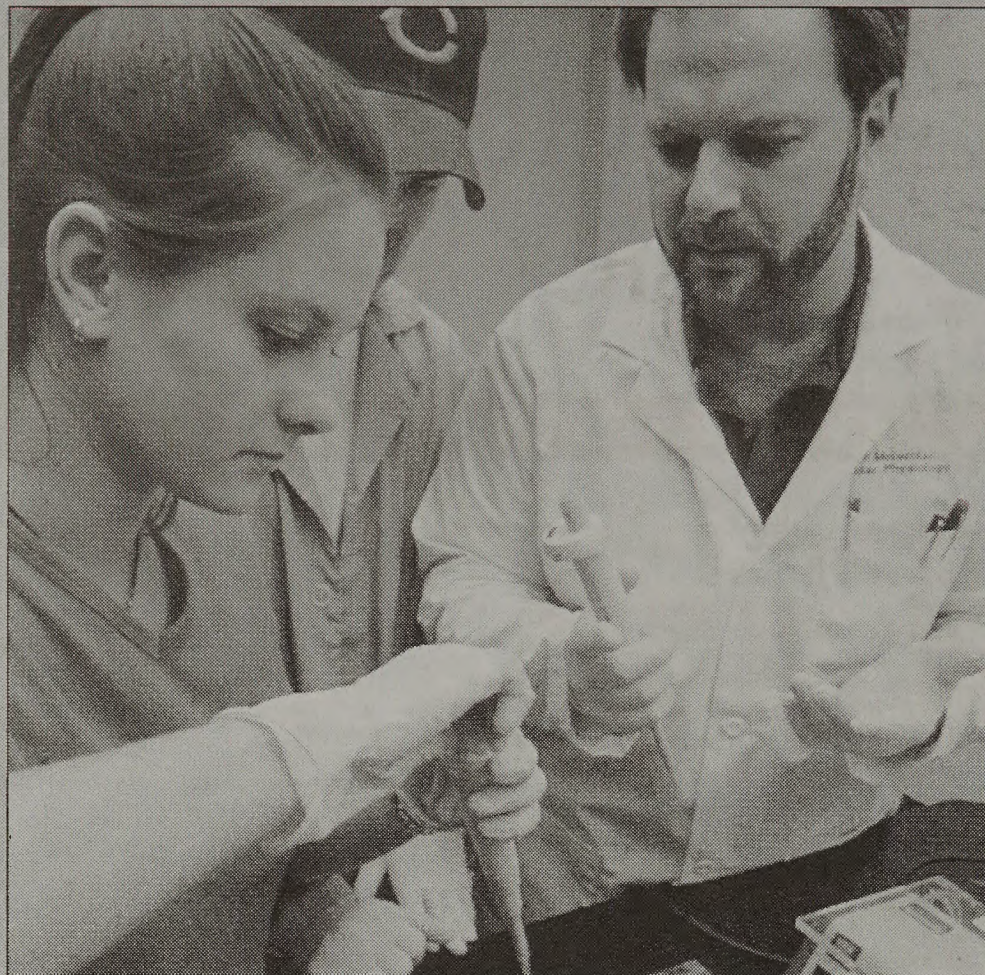
2 Increase student involvement in research and creative activities.

Extensive research on both student learning and retention indicates that hands-on activities, as a central focus of instruction, together with collaborative learning, constitute major motivators of those we teach, and can result in significant increases in both subject interest and overall retention. Involvement of science students in research has become a major emphasis at trend-setting institutions as a result of recommendations on reform of mathematics and science teaching proposed by the National Research Council and reaffirmed by the National Science Foundation with its Systemic Initiative Program. The Louisiana Board of Regents has adopted its own Systemic Initiative Program (LASIP) to support the reformed mode of teaching. Centenary has responded by initiating substantial reform of its curriculum and teaching methodologies, a fact that has been recognized by the award of a \$600,000 grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. To further enhance our students' involvement in research and creative activities, we will:

- Continue and enhance the annual Student Research Forum at Centenary College, providing special incentives for greater participation of students in the humanities, arts, and social sciences by April 1997.

STATUS: Student Research Forum successfully completed April 1998. Jennifer Phifer, winner of the top prize, was also the recipient of a \$1,000 prize for the highest honor at the regional meeting of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society for her research.

College goals include increased student involvement in research.



Dr. André Blanchard works with students in biology lab.

- Provide funds for summer student research by summer, 1996.

STATUS: Stipends provided to students in Geology, Chemistry, and Physics for summer, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Funding for four Centenary and four high school students provided in Hughes grant for summer, 1997 and 1998.

- Increase summer stipends for 1997-2000.

STATUS: \$84,000 available from Hughes grant; other funds from restricted accounts.

- Provide funds to send students to regional and national conferences to report on their research 1997-2000.

STATUS: Funds available from Hughes grant/restricted accounts. Ten chemistry students attended (with several of them presenting research at) the annual meeting of the Southwest Association of Biology in New Mexico.

- Enroll additional math and science faculty in Project Kaleidoscope workshops until Centenary College has 100 percent participation by the end of 1997-98.

STATUS: Two attended, summer, 1996; two additional, fall, 1997. Additional faculty will attend 1998-99 with the goal of achieving 100 percent participation in that year.

- Send one math/science faculty member/year to LACEPT summer workshops on reformed teaching methodologies.

STATUS: Ongoing; four faculty members have already attended.

- Send one or two math faculty/year to National Science Foundation workshops on reformed teaching of mathematics.

STATUS: Ongoing; as programs and funding available. Two have attended last two years.

- Develop courses by August 1997 that allow students to earn academic credit for research.

STATUS: In place.

- Develop a Science Division colloquium focused on research by August 1997.

STATUS: Implemented, fall semester, 1996. Five colloquia in 1996-97; equal number in 1997-98.

- Provide funds in 1997-98 to assist students in attending national student research conferences and publishing their research.

STATUS: Funds offered to students presenting at the NCUR conference in 1996-97. Fund established to support student travel in 1995-96.

3 Provide a science facility equipped to support research and teaching in the reformed, laboratory-intensive mode.

The tradition of excellence in science at Centenary College is a venerable one, documented by the fact that a member of its inaugural faculty was a founder of Louisiana's first medical school and later recognized by election to the predecessor of the National Academy of Sciences. This firm foundation in science was reinforced in our century with the Warters-Entikin tradition that shaped contemporary Centenary science — recently ranked as one of the top 200 math/science programs in the U.S. This excellence has been recognized by acceptance of Centenary students at prestigious graduate and professional schools and the increasing number of grants made to faculty in recent years from government agencies and foundations, such as the recent award from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to support teaching in the hands-on, laboratory-rich mode recommended by the Systemic Initiative of the National Science Foundation. The present science building, erected during a period when the lecture format prevailed and undergraduate research was negligible, when safety and HVAC requirements were significantly lower than now, is inadequate to sustain modern science. To support the new mode of teaching and to release space in Mickle Hall required for other programs, we will:

- Secure \$14,890,000 in funds needed to construct and equip a new science building.

STATUS: Also considering the renovation of Mickle Hall for science. Pending such decision, the Department of Education vacated Mickle Hall, summer, 1998, to create additional space for science.

- Upon completion of new science facility, renovate and equip Mickle Hall as the primary campus social science facility.

STATUS: Objective may be revised should Mickle Hall be renovated for science.

4 Achieve compensation parity for faculty.

Higher education is beginning to feel the effects of restructuring that is taking place in industry, government, and the health professions, which has had an impact on thousands of persons from the top to the bottom of countless organizations in every

part of the country. The force of various cost-cutting measures undertaken in the name of "downsizing" and "re-engineering" has been felt most strongly in public institutions of higher education, those subject to the political agendas of office holders. Private institutions are now examining their own budgets with greater stringency. Because of the effects of rising costs and increasing competition, the cost of any decision — however small — can no longer be considered irrelevant. Adequate compensation, including benefits, for those responsible for the education, development, and support of our students is highly relevant if we are to attract and retain the best available talents. Such compensation should be focused on equity and merit. Consistent with its means, the institution will undertake to bring salaries in line with institutions similar to Centenary College in size and character.

- Identify and pursue appropriate means with which to achieve parity.

STATUS: The College has used and will continue to use endowed positions as one vehicle to increase compensation of selected faculty. Overall, the ability to increase compensation will depend on the institution's success in increasing net revenue, and this will require a significant increase in the size of the student body. Faculty awarded seven percent increase for 1998-99 with a one percent increase in retirement contribution. The institution will provide a similar salary pool and increase in retirement contribution for the subsequent four years (student enrollment and revenues permitting) to raise salaries to peer institution levels. In 1998-99 faculty salaries for 1999-2000 will be determined with a merit component.

5 Achieve compensation parity for staff with the area job market.

Staff constitutes the mortar that holds the bricks of the institution together. To recruit the best available talent, salary and benefits, determined on the basis of equity and merit, are principal incentives to choose Centenary over another opportunity. Staff members enjoy a degree of mobility that is not available to many others in the academic community, so it is important that the College particularly focus on retention of valuable staff so that the institution is able to continue enjoying the benefits of their talents and experience. To assist us in being more effective in these efforts, we will:

- Identify and pursue appropriate means with which to achieve parity.

STATUS: The College provided a six percent salary pool for staff in 1998-99, an additional one percent for equity adjustments, and an additional one percent retirement contribution. If revenues permit, the institution will further adjust salaries under a merit system in subsequent years.

6 Improve facilities for the social sciences.

The Social Sciences Division is dispersed among three buildings on campus. The faculty of the majority of the core disciplines of the social sciences — history, political science, psychology, and sociology — are housed in the basement of Magale Library, a space that will be needed for eventual expansion of the book/serials collection and other uses in the projected campus information center. Economics is integrated with the Frost School of Business and has limited contact, therefore, with the other core disciplines. Until the faculty in the library can move to a facility that can meet its current space needs and provide for programs that are likely to grow, steps should be taken to improve the livability and safety of their spaces and the functionality of their classrooms.

■ Carpet the basement of Magale Library by May 1997.

STATUS: Completed, fall 1996. Basement painted, spring 1997.

■ Improve sound barriers in classrooms in Magale Library basement by May 1998.

STATUS: Carpet assisted in addressing sound problems.

■ Upon completion of final plans for the science facility and the arts complex, designate the future site of the social sciences (e.g. Mickle Hall or the Meadows Museum).

STATUS: Pending.

7 Provide additional support for faculty and staff development.

The higher education environment is a dynamic one. To advance knowledge and to prepare its students to play a responsible role as citizens and to serve with skill and competence in the workplace, the faculty and staff must possess the proficiencies that will allow them to perform their important roles consistent with new developments in society and their areas of specialty.

■ Provide opportunities for faculty training to support teaching and research.

STATUS: Ongoing need. Obtained ACS funds for faculty to attend advanced computer workshops in summers, 1996-98, through Andrew Mellon Foundation grant; anticipate additional funding for 1998-99. Funds provided to develop the teaching of new and existing faculty through microteaching workshops, 1996-97. Four faculty have participated in ACS teaching workshop at Rollins College; one additional person attended summer of 1998. Hughes grant provides funding for training faculty in the biosciences through 2000. ACS grant provides funds for a faculty environmental fellow in 1998-99 and two interns; two environmental research projects for 1997-98 and 1998-99.

■ Develop programs to improve staff proficiencies and provide opportunities to learn new competencies.

STATUS: Ongoing need. Computer Services offering workshops on an ongoing basis. Additional computer workshops in Senior Adult Education are being offered. One staff member provided with advanced computer training through ACS grant, summer, 1996. Library staff received training under Mellon Foundation grant, 1996-97 and training in 1998-99 from vendor for integrated library system. Key staff members are receiving training from vendor as well as in-house staff training as needed for the Banner administrative computing system.

8 Develop a model general educational program.

The success of liberal arts college graduates is documented by the large proportion of faculty at higher education institutions and chief executives of large corporations who prepared at liberal arts colleges. In addition to substantial academic standards, the bulk of these institutions are characterized by a well-developed and coherent core curriculum that provides their students with intellectual and other skills that will serve as a firm foundation for meeting the challenges presented to them in society and their careers, and for exercising leadership. While Centenary does provide its student body with a rich palette of courses in the core curriculum, its focus is less on development of skills and competencies articulated in the new mission statement of the College than on exposure to virtually all the broad academic areas represented in the catalogue. To better fulfill the mission it has adopted, and to create a coherent curriculum that will better prepare students for what they will encounter in the 21st century, the College will review the assumptions stated in the College purpose statement and make the requisite revisions:

Renovation and enlargement of the Moore Student Union Building is under consideration.



Students visit outside east entrance of SUB.

■ Appoint a faculty task force to develop components of the program and implement by fall 1997.

STATUS: Freshman-year experience course developed by Academic Policy Committee, 1997-98; implemented, fall, 1998.

■ Employ an external consultant to review the Centenary core curriculum and make suggestions for revision.

STATUS: Pending

■ Develop and implement a systematic process for program review by December 1998.

STATUS: Mandated in SACS review 1997-98. Proposed guidelines and schedule submitted by Provost to Academic Policy fall, 1998. Implementation target: spring, 1999.

9 Increase student placement in the best graduate and professional schools.

The reputation of Centenary continues to increase year by year as the accomplishments of the faculty, students, and staff become better known outside of our immediate area. Since the best advertisement the College has for its quality is its students, it is imperative that they carry the name of Centenary to the premier institutions across the entire country to better acquaint those at pace-setting universities everywhere with what we produce and what we have to offer to the world of professional and post-graduate education.

■ Increase participation in the Student Research Forum to enhance student research experience that will allow them to be more competitive in graduate school admission.

STATUS: Ongoing priority. Increased publicity has resulted in greater numbers of participants. Larger prizes for the best presentations have provided more incentive to participate. Campus will redouble efforts to increase faculty and student awareness of the desirability to participate by any student focused on graduate and professional programs.

■ Identify promising research-oriented students who can submit competitive papers to the National Student Research Forum and provide travel stipends so that they can participate in 1996-97.

STATUS: Hughes grant provides funding for presentation at national science forums; Women's Endowment Quorum is developing an endowment to support student travel. First student presented research at NCUR, spring, 1997.

■ Encourage faculty to motivate gifted students to apply to the premier programs in the field rather than limiting their applications solely to regional institutions.

STATUS: Recent years have seen a number of placements outside the region, however the majority of applicants maintain their regional focus. Institution should seek to provide funds for needy students to attend interviews and possibilities for virtual interviews via the Internet.

■ Increase the number of students applying for Fulbright, Rotary, and other international fellowships and exchanges to broaden their perspectives and help them to be more competitive in applying to graduate and professional schools.

STATUS: The main impetus for motivating students to study overseas must come from their advisors and other faculty who should discuss opportunities with students early in the year in which they are eligible to apply, if not sooner. The Centenary Plan Committee should lead in encouraging faculty outside the Foreign Language Department to encourage students to consider overseas study as an important part of their education. Faculty advocacy for such programs would increase if faculty were to take more advantage of opportunities presented by the Fulbright and other programs that provide for research and teaching abroad.

■ Identify potentially competitive candidates for prestigious student fellowships by the end of the freshman year, and groom and support them in pursuit of these awards (e.g. Rhodes, Mellon).

STATUS: Centenary successfully obtained a small number of national fellowships in recent years, together with a Rhodes regional finalist, but the number of awards is not commensurate with its potential for winning such awards. Faculty should make students aware of such opportunities early in their careers, and encourage and assist them in making application. The English Department has made strong efforts to groom its best students for pursuit of important fellowships. The program in French has been very successful in preparing students to win important awards.

■ Obtain a Phi Beta Kappa chapter for Centenary College by academic year 2003-04.

STATUS: Over the past three years the College has made it a priority in recruiting

faculty to give preference to those who are members of Phi Beta Kappa. This is necessary to develop a critical mass of faculty with which to qualify for a chapter. Under funding from the Mellon Foundation, the College has increased library resources, and the Provost is working with the new Chief Information Officer to develop Magale Library into a campus Information Center — with the library as its nucleus — which will significantly increase campus information resources. The Provost has discussed strategies for acceptance into Phi Beta Kappa with institutions that have recently been successful in their applications, and these will become the basis of a plan of action when Centenary is ready to apply. A committee has been formed to oversee the process that could lead to a chapter in 2003.

■ Explore possibilities for creation of a Phi Kappa Phi Chapter at Centenary College.

STATUS: Committee will pursue both opportunities.

STUDENT LIFE

The Centenary College catalogue articulates the institution's purpose in the following manner: "Academic and co-curricular programs...support students in their development and encourage them to become leaders in the work place, the community, the nation, and the world at large." This confirms the long-held notion at Centenary that the responsibility of the College is not only to educate students but also to develop them as citizens and contributors to the world of work. The institution recognizes, as well, that in the lives of students it is desirable to achieve a healthy balance between study and recreation, hard work and leisure, and the mind and the body.

GOALS

1 Improve/expand facilities to meet wellness, recreation, and social needs of students.

Recent decades have recorded a quantum increase in health consciousness, particularly among young, educated Americans. During the same period, higher education has experienced a growing competitiveness, most notably in the private sector, which has led institutions to increase their focus on quality of life. Several studies at Centenary College have concluded that the wider campus community perceives development of a wellness facility as its highest priority. In addition, students agree that the College is in need of facilities where organizations can consolidate, and individuals and groups can gather to better address their recreational and social needs. In response to these urgent needs, we will:

■ Obtain funds for and begin construction of the wellness center by September 1999.

STATUS: Feasibility study, land acquisition almost complete. Discussion with potential financial partners, 1996-98. Discussions with Highland Hospital, LSUMC, and Shreveport Swim Club on preliminary design of facility, summer 1998. Preliminary plans to be completed fall, 1998.

■ Obtain funds to renovate and enlarge Moore Student Center by August 2000.

STATUS: Campaign goal; discussions undertaken with possible donors. Discussions with architects on plans for renovation summer, 1998. Plans to be completed during 1998-99.

■ Renovate Hardin Field, Hardin Tennis Courts, Haynes Gymnasium.

STATUS: Haynes renovation planned as part of wellness center; seek funds for other renovations. Hardin Field sprinkler system completed summer, 1997. Renewal of Hardin tennis courts completed summer, 1998.

■ Provide additional seating for spectators at soccer, softball, and baseball fields.

STATUS: Seeking funds. First section of seating at soccer field completed spring, 1998.

■ Improve lighting at the baseball field and install lights at the soccer and softball facilities.

STATUS: Seeking funds for soccer and baseball lights. Baseball field improvements completed spring, 1997. Softball field lights installed summer, 1998.

■ Provide a restroom and concessions facility for the softball-baseball-soccer area and a restroom facility for the tennis courts.

STATUS: Seeking funds.

■ Construct new entrance areas for the athletic complex.

STATUS: Seeking funds. New fence and entrance completed.

■ Replace lower-level seating in the Gold Dome.

STATUS: Proposal under development; seeking funds.

■ Replace sound system in the Gold Dome.

STATUS: Proposal under development; seeking funds

■ Renovate spaces to provide offices for an athletic academic center, soccer coach, and Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Development.

STATUS: Seeking funds. First phase complete: Academic center and offices for soccer coach in place. Phase two will include expansion of academic center and reallocation of space to provide offices for volleyball, women's basketball, and sports information.

■ Renovate the remainder of the upper level of the physical plant shop building adjacent to the baseball field to house baseball and soccer locker, equipment, and training rooms, SID, space for a soccer office, and a laundry facility.

STATUS: Seeking funds.

2 Upgrade student living quarters.

In concert with the rest of American society, higher education has experienced significant social changes as it has moved away from the concept of a relatively structured institutional social organization, functioning *in loco parentis*, toward one where the campus community has become a microcosm of an increasingly less-structured, informal American society. To provide for much-needed repair, replacement, and modernization of facilities so that the College can project a more contemporary image to prospective students, we will:

■ Renovate and re-equip Rotary Hall with new furnishings by August 1997.

STATUS: Completed, summer, 1997.

■ Provide new furnishings for student residence halls by August 1998.

STATUS: Completed, summer, 1998.

■ Provide computer network access from every room in student residence halls by August 1999.

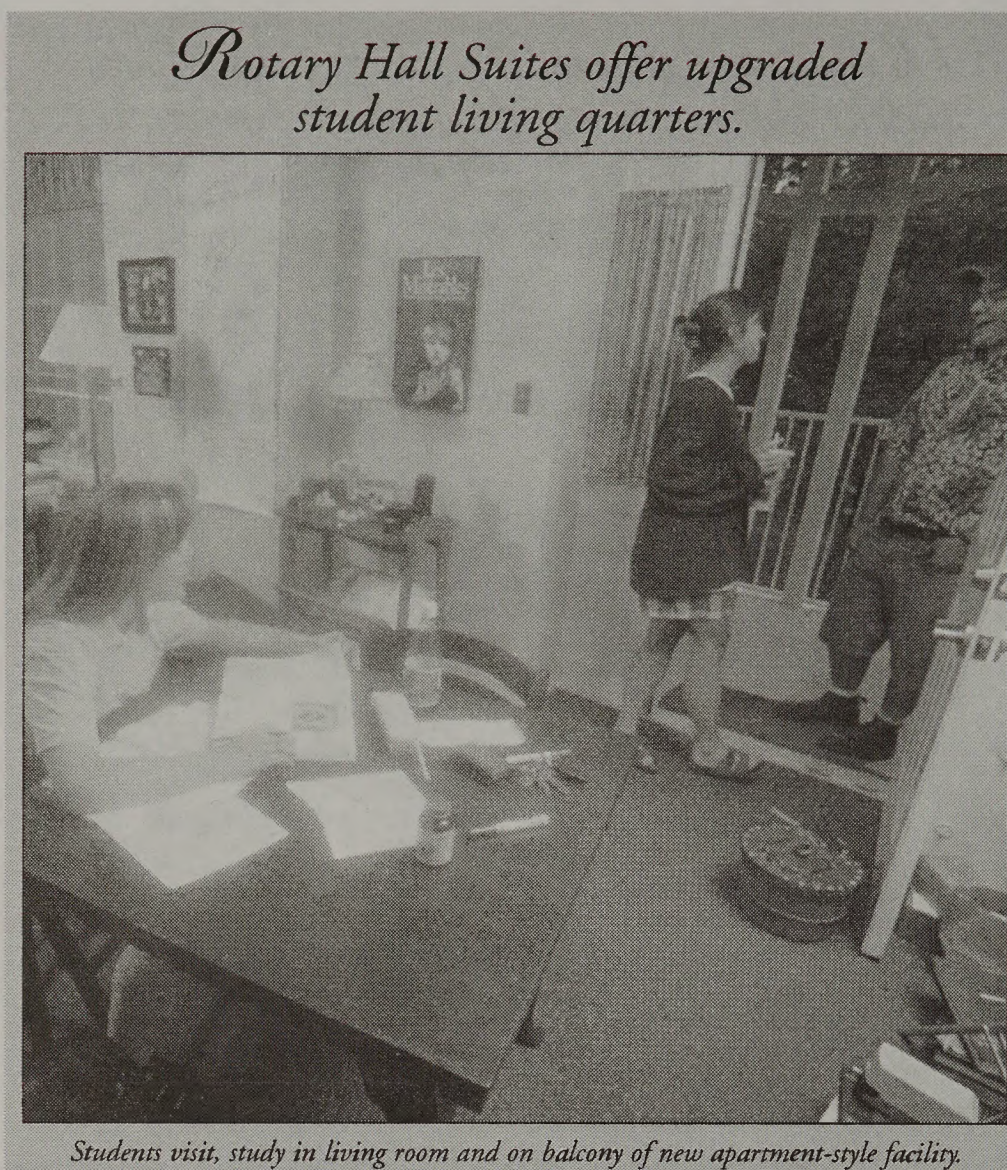
STATUS: Campaign goal; provided for in Rotary renovation; discussion with donor, summer, 1998.

■ Dedicate a portion of student fees to support quality of residence life efforts and as a reserve for upkeep and improvement of residence halls by August 1998.

STATUS: Under study.

3 Assure a safe campus environment.

Visitors to Centenary College are struck by the exceptionally beautiful setting of our campus, which is significantly enhanced by its openness. While we have made it a priority to maintain safe campus conditions and have succeeded in achieving them, the lessons of other institutions suggest that we must increase vigilance so that students, faculty, and staff can continue with the work of teaching and learning in the comfort of our historically secure environment. To assist us in doing so, we will:



Students visit, study in living room and on balcony of new apartment-style facility.

■ Develop a campus watch network by August 1999.

STATUS: Pending.

■ Develop a restricted access system for all campus facilities by August 1999.

STATUS: Determine feasibility. Proposal made in 1997-98 to restrict access to Magale Library to main entrance, closing other doors on the north and south of the building. Other possibilities under study.

■ Increase campus cooperation with community Weed and Seed Program.

STATUS: Ongoing. President has initiated and Public Safety Department maintains a dialogue with Shreveport Police Department. As a result, Centenary campus now included in community police patrols.

■ Enhance the safety features of the campus and campus perimeter.

STATUS: Ongoing priority. Lighting has been upgraded; barrier erected to prevent campus drive-through; Woodlawn Avenue temporarily closed to non-college traffic. Public Safety staff has been increased. Lighting upgrade for parking areas needed. Permanent closure of Woodlawn to be effected fall, 1998 together with connecting streets. Lot at corner of Oak Street and Kings Highway to be cleared and become the site of a Centenary College entrance marker.

4 Develop a model freshman-year program.

Extensive research into and experience with the freshman year by Dr. John Gardner of the University of South Carolina has confirmed that an integrated program creatively addressing all aspects of the first year of college, from academics to providing adequate laundry facilities, is essential to a feeling of student well being and, thus, a high rate of retention. In pursuit of this, we will:

■ Continue to develop and enhance the freshman orientation program to better develop early student bonding with the institution.

STATUS: Dean of Enrollment Management, Dean of Student Life, and Enrollment Management Committee have reviewed program and initiated changes for 1998-99. Summer advising program begun summer, 1998.

■ Continue CQI discussion of improved staff communication and needed revisions

in customer service to increase student satisfaction.

STATUS: Regular staff meetings established 1997. Developed clearer channels of communication. Personnel consultant with whom to raise human resource issues designated, new staff handbook developed.

5 Develop a wide variety of activities to enrich student life.

Centenary recognizes that the best college experience combines a high quality academic program with opportunities for students to mature as individuals, citizens, contributors to the work place, and leaders. In support of this multi-faceted mission, we will:

■ Increase and better coordinate co-curricular events on campus by assuring integrated planning.

STATUS: Policy adopted to integrate Convocations Committee with other entities developing events; additional funds budgeted. Speakers being selected in 1998-99 to coordinate with the theme of the first-year experience.

■ Assure a minimum of two lectures/semester for students presented by incumbents in endowed chairs/endowed professorships, beginning spring, 1997.

STATUS: Being implemented.

■ Increase funds available for student activities by August 1996.

STATUS: Campus vending machine income dedicated to funding of student activities; additional funds have been allocated.

■ Develop a \$1 million endowment to support student travel to academic programs abroad by 2003.

STATUS: Donors solicited, fund-raising events held in 1997-98 to create initial pool of funds. First awards made for summer, 1998 and 1998-99 academic year.

■ Enhance planning for events by approving SGA funding in year prior to expenditures.

STATUS: 1997-98 SGA budget completed according to this schedule.

■ Add women's golf as a varsity sport.

STATUS: Completed.

■ Add women's basketball as a varsity sport.

STATUS: Coach hired April 1998.

Recruitment of athletes under way for 1999-2000 season opening.

■ Add track and field as a varsity sport.

STATUS: On hold until conference status is determined.

■ Add women's swimming as a varsity sport.

STATUS: On hold until conference status is determined.

6 Develop a comprehensive internship program to assist students in funding their education and gaining practical work experience.

It is well known among both employers and those who study the transition from college to the work place that students who have gained practical job experience during their college years are significantly more employable than those who lack such experience, further that they are likely to be more successful in their employment once hired. A group of Centenary business students polled the student body in 1995-96, asking to what extent they would be interested in a comprehensive internship program, and the response was strongly in favor.

■ Coordinate campus efforts to develop a comprehensive internship program.

STATUS: Referred to the Academic Affairs Committee in 1995-96. ACE/Kellogg team developed a leadership program in 1997-98, endorsed by the Academic Policy Committee in the same year, which provides for internships. Will be implemented with funding from a donor.

7 Develop programs to support a sense of community.

It is well known that there is a direct correlation between an individual's integration into a supportive group and a sense of well being. Consistent with this, research in higher education reveals a direct correlation between institutions with a strong sense of community, and a high degree of faculty and staff well being and student retention.

■ Increase student awareness of and participation in campus activities.

STATUS: Activities director has been provided with additional funds with which to support activities; activities mix has been enhanced to increase attractiveness to students; holders of endowed chairs and professorships are required to present lectures on their research each semester. Student members have been added to the Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees.

■ Use American Council on Education/Kellogg Program on Institutional Change and Leadership to help develop community.

STATUS: The institution has been invited to continue in Phase II of the project, beginning in fall, 1998. Two of the five endowed professorships requested from the Board of Regents with which to support the program have been funded. Three additional ones are pending.

■ Use Pew Roundtable format to facilitate discussion between faculty, students, staff, and Board of Trustees in support of community.

STATUS: First Pew Roundtable completed 1995-96. Follow-up completed October 1996. Team attended national meeting of Pew institutions (Knight Collaborative) in St. Louis, November 1996. Provost attended additional Knight Collaborative discussions spring 1998.

TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The profound effects of the development of powerful and affordable computers over the last two decades are not limited to business and industry. They are felt among countless millions of persons throughout the world, and it is no exaggeration to say that they surface in virtually every element of American life. The giddy pace of the revolu-

tion taking place in what many call the Age of Information — and the implied challenges to be met by those who will play a meaningful role in it — is revealed in the fact that the complex computer programming required to land human beings on the moon and return them to Earth no longer requires a behemoth of a mainframe computer; they can now be accommodated in a relatively modest, hand-held calculator. More than half of Centenary's entering students are computer owners, and a substantial percentage of these have already achieved a level of computer sophistication beyond that of some faculty. As a competitive institution, we must

- 1) provide for the rapidly increasing and changing hardware and software needs of teaching and research,
- 2) assist our faculty in developing new computer skills and integrating what they have learned into stimulating activities in the classroom and laboratory, and
- 3) assure that Centenary College can legitimately present itself as an institution attuned and responding creatively to the daily challenges confronting academic institutions in the Information Age.

GOALS

1 Complete the campus-wide information system using advanced technologies.

The investment by Centenary College of close to \$2 million over the last 3-4 years in computer technology reflects our recognition that we are in the midst of an information explosion that is profoundly changing the way faculty teach and students learn. Since 1993-94, the College has installed a fiber-optic backbone capable of transmitting data, voice, and video. It has networked the campus and connected the Local Area Network to the Internet, providing the campus community with direct access to the entire world. By 1998-99, students will have six PC labs available to them for general use and four additional ones in academic departments. A multimedia lab, foreseen as a technology-based learning center, is being planned. Online access to the Magale Library catalogue has recently been made available through the state-of-the-art integrated library system. Administrative information resources, while still capable of supporting basic needs with a software package more than a decade old, are undergoing a major upgrade with transition to the state-of-the-art Banner system. To seize opportunities, address needs, and solve identified problems, the College will:

- Complete Phase III of the campus-networking project by August 1996, to include hardwiring of additional academic buildings and PC clusters in residence halls, and assure general faculty access to the LAN.

STATUS: Funds obtained from donor; work completed August 1997. Network extended to Centenary Square to support needs of Education Department summer, 1998.

- Complete Phase IV of the campus-networking project by August 1997, to include hardwiring of Center for Extended Learning, Turner Art Center, and Gold Dome.

STATUS: Center for Extended Learning and Turner Art Center hardwired 1997-98; seeking funds to network Gold Dome.

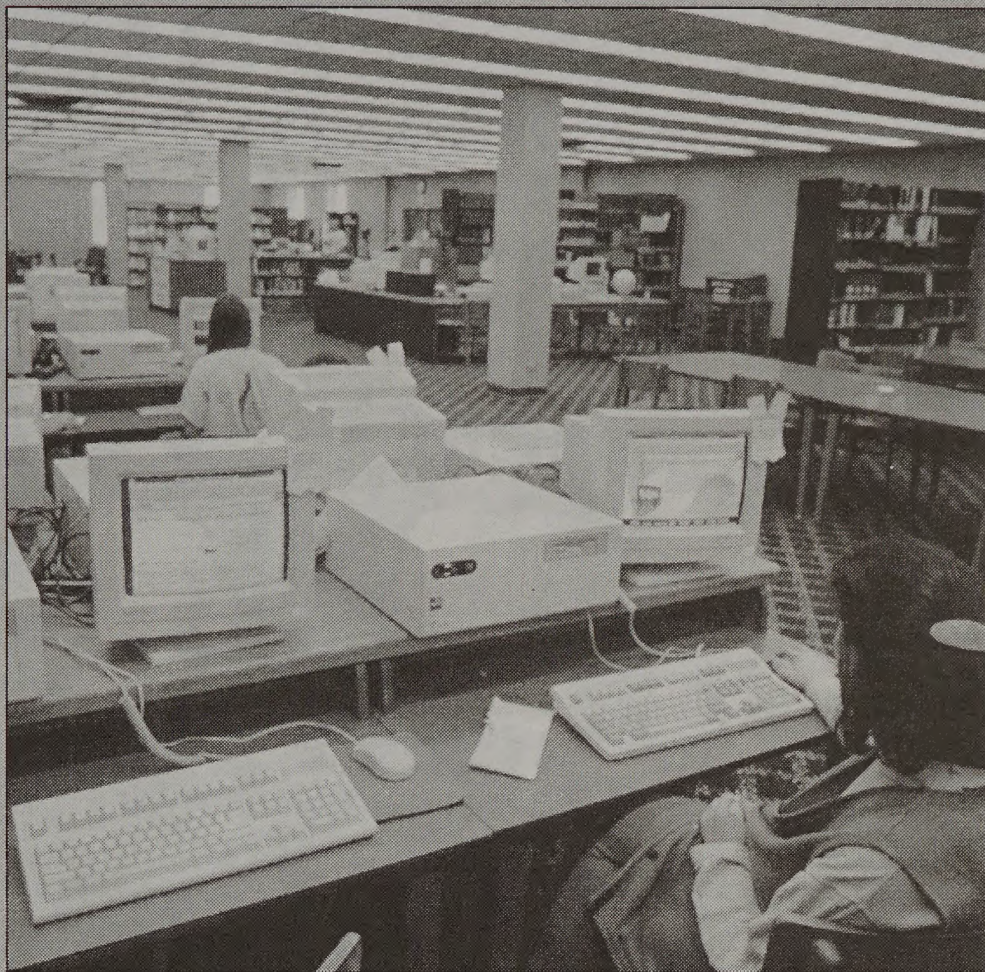
- Obtain funding for and install a technology-based learning center in Magale Library, including 30 multimedia workstations and a satellite downlink, by August 1999.

STATUS: Discussion with foundation completed; proposal submitted; additional funds being sought from donor.

- Increase the number of serials available to clients of Magale Library by August 1996.

STATUS: More than 700 additional full-text serials made available in 1996-97; through August 1998 Magale has added 60,000 electronically based titles in full-text, selected full-text or abstract-of-text format.

Plans call for Magale Library transformation into technology-based information center.



Library offers a variety of computers to meet various student needs.

- Transform Magale Library into a technology-based information center with the library as a nucleus by the year 2000.

STATUS: Technology resources have increased since 1997 to include four PC labs, the Internet Café, and the first steps toward creation of a media center. Computer-based integrated library system will be online in 1998-99. Proposal before a foundation for a major grant with which to fund additional resources and renovation, to include creating new space in Magale attic and relocation of archives from Sam Peters Building to Magale.

- Combine the functions of Director of Magale Library, Director of Computer Services, and oversight of the telecommunications function into one position under a Chief Information Officer and appoint the incumbent by December 1996.

STATUS: Chief Information Officer search completed, incumbent appointed as of Jan. 2, 1997.

- Complete library database and install integrated library system to support administration of the library, provide better public access, and support online searching via the local area network by February 1997.

STATUS: Funds obtained; installed for 1998-99.

- Add one additional technical services person to Computer Services staff by May 1997.

STATUS: Recommendation of Academic Affairs, Economic Policy and Learning Resources Committee. Full-time staff increased from four to five in October 1996. Additional staff member appointed 1997-98.

RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT

Centenary College can look back with pride on its remarkable success over the years in achieving excellence at very reasonable cost to students. It has been cited in national publications as one of the country's "best buys," setting tuition and fees at a level half that charged at many institutions of comparable quality, including a number in our own consortium, the Associated Colleges of the South. Even the

most cost-effective of institutions have felt the need for additional funds to meet the rising cost of delivering quality education over recent years. Dealing with deferred maintenance, increasing the overall quality of the College, and responding to the diverse challenges cited elsewhere in this document will require significant new investment in programs, faculty and staff, and the infrastructure. The development of an invigorated college poised to play a major role in the new millennium can only be achieved by sending a positive and powerful message to all our constituencies together with a continued commitment to prudence in financial affairs and generation of much-needed additional revenues.

GOALS

1 Assure a balance between income and expenses at year's end.

The unfavorable demographics among college-age cohorts over the past decade or more have resulted in a decreasing number of students seeking admission to college. While the decade of the '90s will see a rise in the college-age cohort in most of the country, Louisiana is one of a small number of states that is expected to experience an actual decline. This, in addition to rising costs and intense competition among institutions for new students, grants, private donations, and other resources, makes it especially important that the institution manage its fiscal affairs carefully and increase its net revenue. In addition to economies it has already instituted over the past four years and the commitment it has made to maintain and enhance the endowment, the College will:

- Develop financial models using enrollment history, tuition, room and board charges, operating budget increases and salary increases in order to assure a balanced budget.

STATUS: Completed in 1995-96.

- Enhance Continuing and Senior Adult Education programs to increase revenue.

STATUS: New director appointed summer, 1998. Continuing education mission of the office has been discontinued as not cost effective, but the senior adult education program was retained, administered by a half-time director. In addition, the director

will coordinate non-academic travel programs for the college.

2 Develop optimal budgetary procedures and financial systems.

Over the past few years the institution has reviewed its investment policy, food services and physical facilities functions, together with auxiliary enterprises, in a concerted effort to increase efficiencies and to maximize the positive impact of resources available to the College. To further enhance our efficiencies we will:

- Upgrade administrative hardware and software by January 1999.

STATUS: Banner administrative system purchased in 1997-98; staff in training. Development Office will be online fall, 1998 and other administrative offices in the following year.

3 Focus development on long-term funding sources for college needs.

The efficient operation of the institution and its enhancement is hampered by the difficulty of addressing expensive, unforeseen problems that arise in the course of the year or to seize unanticipated opportunities that require expenditures of resources. It is hampered even more when rising costs make provision of basic needs problematic. All these are greatly facilitated when the institution can plan with the assurance that funds will be in place to meet both current and unanticipated needs. Toward that end, the College will:

- Develop and complete a comprehensive campaign by December 2003 with a minimum target of \$70 million in cash and \$20 million in planned gifts.

STATUS: Silent phase of the comprehensive campaign begun June 1, 1995; development campaign on target. Board of Trustees raised the working goal from \$50 million to \$70 million in February 1998.

- Create a \$5 million endowment to support student financial aid by August 2003.

STATUS: Campaign goal.

- Create a \$4 million endowment to support faculty chairs and professorships by August 2003.

STATUS: Campaign goal; Whited Chair funded in 1997 at \$600,000; request made in spring of 1998 to Board of Regents for \$1.6 million match for \$2.4 million raised for three endowed chairs (Communication, Psychology, Geophysics), including one superchair endowed at \$2 million. Magale and Entrikin Professorships funded.

Additional request to Board of Regents for \$800,000 match for \$1.2 million raised to fund 20 endowed professorships.

4 Increase enrollment to a base of 1,000 undergraduates by the year 2000.

In a period of steadily rising costs and intense competition in the private sector of higher education, Centenary College has steadily improved its reputation and national visibility. It has done so, however, with periodic withdrawals from its quasi-endowment, the reserve upon which the College might otherwise call for much-needed funds with which to maintain the physical plant, support programs, and provide for innovation. An increase in the size of the student body will generate the revenues needed. To make this possible, we will:

- Increase enrollment of the entering freshman class in 1997 to 235-250 students while improving quality and reducing the tuition discount rate.

STATUS: Project freshman class of 300 for 1998-99. The quality of the class has improved, and the discount rate is less than the previous year.

- Communicate clear recruitment objectives to the Athletic Department and increase communication and cooperation

between it and the Office of Enrollment Management.

STATUS: Ongoing as new staff members are appointed. Dean of Enrollment Management and Athletic Director have met with each coach to clarify objectives.

■ Better market financial incentives for student scholars to enroll at Centenary College and create more non-financial incentives.

STATUS: In Progress. Seek assistance of Enrollment Management Committee to identify/develop non-financial incentives. State TOPS program will facilitate entry of students into Centenary by making cost more affordable.

■ Target areas which show the greatest potential for yielding full-paying students.

STATUS: Using the EPS system to identify areas, the College is increasing numbers of visits to private schools, examining the feasibility of bringing private school counselors to the Centenary campus.

■ Optimize the CAPPA program to utilize the resources of Centenary alumni to recruit students.

STATUS: Enrollment Management is appointing a staff liaison person to assure good communication with alumni volunteers and is increasing the number of college fairs and prospective student interviews that are covered by alumni.

■ Increase the extent and intensity of geographical coverage and racial diversity of the off-campus recruitment program.

STATUS: EPS being used to identify areas of greatest potential. Target for visits increased to 1,000+.

■ Expand markets to the national level, increasing travel outside the immediate region, focusing on visits to private schools, and developing "hotel programs" at major application sites.

STATUS: Travel has been expanded outside the immediate region, and more than a dozen hotel programs have been completed.

■ Include faculty, staff, students, and alumni for particular recruiting events in each recruiting effort.

STATUS: Faculty, staff, and alumni were employed in recruiting efforts in 1997-98.

■ Create "bus-trip weekends."

STATUS: Feasibility study.

■ Enhance campus visits through use of student tour guides and student ambassadors during open house coinciding with Parents' Weekend and other events.

STATUS: Campus visit program has been improved through use of student tour guides and ambassadors. Calendar does not permit hosting of open house with Parents' Weekend until fall, 1999.

■ Enhance letters sent to prospective students.

STATUS: All letters mailed to prospective students are tailored according to the characteristics of the student.

■ Strengthen relationships with college counselors by creating a private-school counselor program and encouraging local counselors to visit campus.

STATUS: Local counselors were invited to campus in 1997-98 and 1998-99.

■ Seek to bring local college night to campus.

STATUS: While the college was unable to bring the local college fair to campus for now, the 1998 Articulation Workshop was held at Centenary in September 1998.

■ Enhance admissions publications and assure efficient timing of mailings.

STATUS: Each of the five admissions publications were redesigned and printed in August 1998; three of five were redesigned for use in fall 1998.

■ Develop and distribute a new Centenary College video.

STATUS: Completed, fall, 1996.

Goals include increasing enrollment and retention.



Intramural sports involve a large part of the student body.

■ Enhance the level and efficiency of focused faculty involvement in the admissions process through training, specific appointments with prospective students, faculty phone-a-thon, and targeted travel.

STATUS: Completed.

5 Improve retention.

Although Centenary is supported by an endowment approaching \$100 million and receives yearly contributions to the Annual Fund disproportionately large to the institution's size, it is still chiefly dependent on tuition and fees to sustain the enterprise.

Strong competition among all institutions in the private sector of higher education for new students (and growing competition with the public sector) requires substantial investment for the enrollment of each student FTE with the result that each student who withdraws also represents a significant loss of investment for the College. To stem this loss of investment and maximize the use of available resources, the College will:

■ Develop a plan focused specifically on retention by June 1, 1997.

STATUS: Enrollment Management Committee will develop a plan to improve quality of entering class, develop measures to reduce attrition, better analyze retention data, enhance the advising process, and address student life needs. Appointed Retention Director, summer 1998. Dean of Students and Dean of Enrollment Management are coordinating a retention network under the Retention Director.

6 Achieve greater flexibility in management of endowed funds consistent with sound management principles.

Centenary College enjoys an endowment significantly larger than many other institutions of its size, and it has used well the income it generates to create a national reputation. In order to accomplish more and develop a competitive college for a new millennium, it should follow the lead of other institutions of comparable quality to maximize the return on its endowment and thereby make new resources available for needed improvements and promising initiatives.

■ Seek and implement the means to achieve greater flexibility by the 1997-98 year.

STATUS: Endowment and Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees developed new investment policies and diversified asset allocation in the endowment in April 1998.

7 Increase efforts to publicize the quality of the college.

It is frequently said by distinguished visitors in a position to assess the quality of academic institutions that Centenary College is "one of the best-kept secrets" in higher education, and to a certain extent this is true. The College has historically been too modest in making the accomplishments of its faculty, students, and staff known to the world at large, and it needs to find ways to make the name of Centenary a household term in all parts of the country and in select areas abroad.

■ Enhance support of Centenary home page development on the Worldwide Web.

STATUS: Five faculty/staff sent to WWW workshop summer, 1996; additional faculty in summers of 1997 and 1998. Centenary Webmaster appointed 1996 and a student assistant provided to support the Webmaster and other members of the campus community in development of home pages. Open HTML workshop held September 1996; additional basic and advanced courses offered in 1996-97 and thereafter. College home page in place; unit home pages under development.

■ Increase numbers of radio and TV public service announcements.

STATUS: Ongoing.

■ Complete campus expertise database and pursue listing on Global Experts Database on WWW.

STATUS: Ongoing.

■ Seek national media placement opportunities via ProfNet and others.

STATUS: Ongoing.

■ Host annual media luncheon, beginning fall, 1996.

STATUS: Ongoing.

■ Undertake efforts to increase awareness of Centenary College in other countries.

STATUS: Exchanges in France, Germany and Denmark have been supplemented

with new programs in Mexico and Ireland in 1998-99. Oxford student and faculty programs continue. Fall, 1996 and 1997 brought visit of Danish teachers to campus.

8 Increase contact with alumni and other friends of the College.

Recent years have witnessed the return of many alumni to the Centenary campus, a number for the first time since graduation. Among such persons, testimonials are commonplace to the significance of their education for their success as members of society and in the work place. The College needs to increase recent efforts to stimulate interest of alumni in the College and particularly to showcase the successes of graduates with students on campus.

■ Objective: Survey Centenary alumni on a recurring basis.

STATUS: Latest survey distributed fall 1995; will survey reuniting classes each year.

Enhance involvement of alumni in on-and off-campus activities.

STATUS: 16 cities targeted in 1995-96; additional cities in subsequent years. New National Alumni Board developed 1997-98.

■ Team Career Center and Development Office in an alumni-focused effort to secure internships and employment for Centenary students.

STATUS: Being developed.

■ Develop and recruit a geographically broad-based National Alumni Board of Directors.

STATUS: Completed 1998.

■ Gain admission to the Southland Conference to increase level of student and alumni interest in athletic events.

STATUS: Ongoing. Contingency plan being developed.

■ Increase and coordinate efforts to identify alumni by academic major and to maintain contact between individuals and their former departments.

STATUS: Some departments, such as Physics, have developed newsletters with which to maintain a relationship with alumni, while Geology actually schedules events such as dinners with local graduates of the geology program. The majority of contacts with alumni, however, are college- and not department-based. The affinity of alumni to their disciplines is not being sufficiently exploited as a vehicle for maintaining and solidifying bonds with the College. The Director of Alumni Relations and academic departments should work together to develop discipline-focused data bases and strategies for taking better advantage of the affection graduates have for their former teachers and departments.

9 Acquire land on the campus periphery to support future growth, increase security, and enhance the attractiveness of the neighborhood.

It has been a long-standing goal of Centenary College to grow, but its growth will be constrained by the limitations of the small size of its campus, which will not provide opportunity for future construction to support growth. In addition, esthetic and security considerations provide compelling reasons to develop a buffer area surrounding the campus that can assure that its beauty will not be compromised by incompatible developments within eye view of the institution, and that access to the campus remains under control of the institution.

■ Negotiate with owners of specific parcels of property of interest to the College.

STATUS: Centenary Square and other parcels of real estate in the vicinity of the campus have been acquired. Land in the vicinity of Barksdale Air Force Base obtained on government grant to be used for environmental research. Second parcel near Wallace Lake Dam obtained from U.S. government.

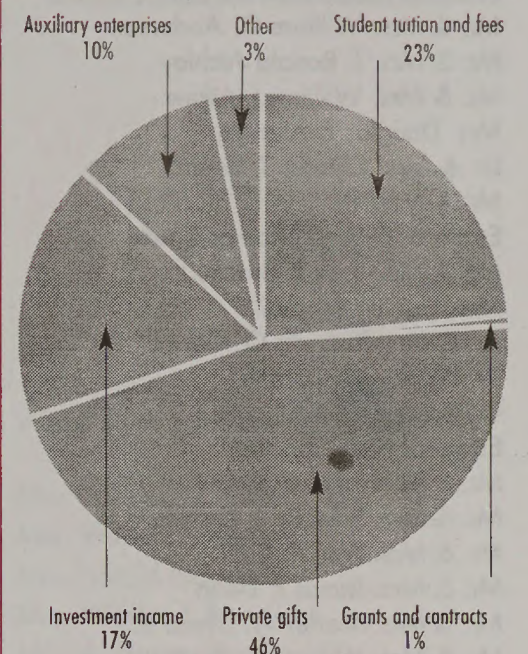
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1998

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT:				
Student tuition and fees, net of discount of \$2,196,059	\$ 6,023,091	0	0	6,023,091
Federal and state grants and contracts	172,466	758,791	0	931,257
Private gifts	11,874,220	1,555,721	4,429,597	17,859,538
Return on investments	4,475,915	4,964,420	329,131	9,769,466
Change in the value of split interest agreements	0	185,554	(230,866)	(45,312)
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	2,483,052	0	0	2,483,052
Miscellaneous revenues	800,086	0	0	800,086
	25,828,830	7,464,486	4,527,862	37,821,178
Net assets released from restrictions	6,333,660	(6,333,660)	0	0
Total revenues, gains and other support	32,162,490	1,130,826	4,527,862	37,821,178
EXPENSES:				
Educational and general:				
Instruction	6,059,711	0	0	6,059,711
Academic support	1,606,751	0	0	1,606,751
Student services	2,066,286	0	0	2,066,286
Public service	510,457	0	0	510,457
Institutional support	2,617,476	0	0	2,617,476
Scholarships and grants	2,246,805	0	0	2,246,805
Payments to beneficiaries	46,625	0	0	46,625
Total educational and general	15,154,111	0	0	15,154,111
Auxiliary enterprises	3,532,103	0	0	3,532,103
Total expenses	18,686,214	0	0	18,686,214
Change in net assets	13,476,276	1,130,826	4,527,862	19,134,964
Net assets at the beginning of year	29,786,072	5,332,375	56,993,961	92,112,048
Net assets at end of year	\$ 43,262,348	6,463,201	61,521,823	111,247,372

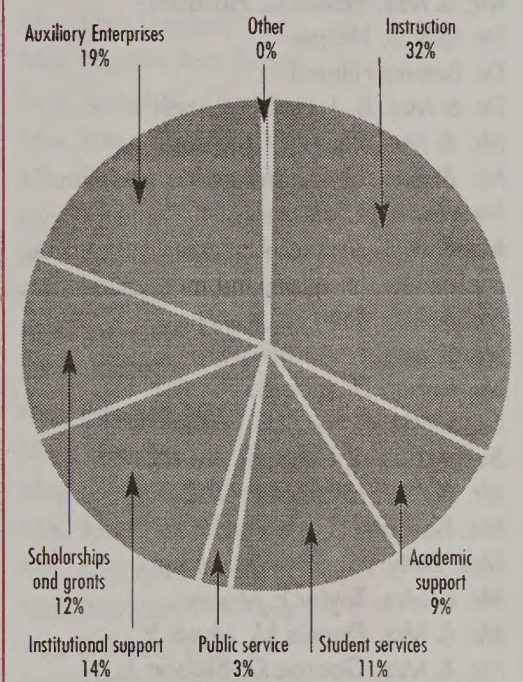
1997-98 INCOME

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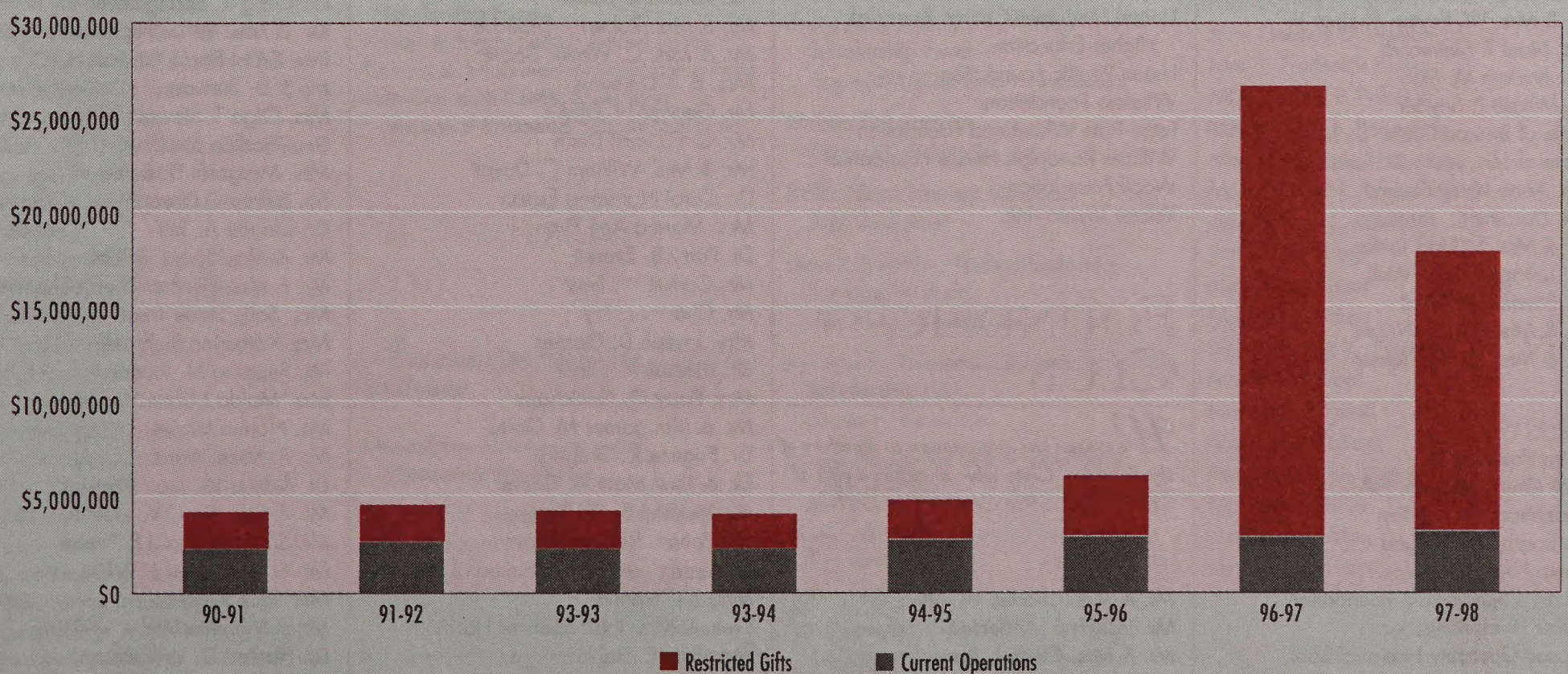
1997-98 EXPENSES*

\$18,686,214



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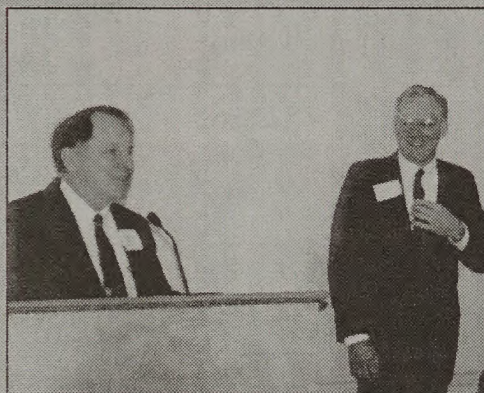
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DECEMBER 1997



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*(Left) G. W. James Jr. and Tommy James: the Bill and Sarah James Chair in Psychology
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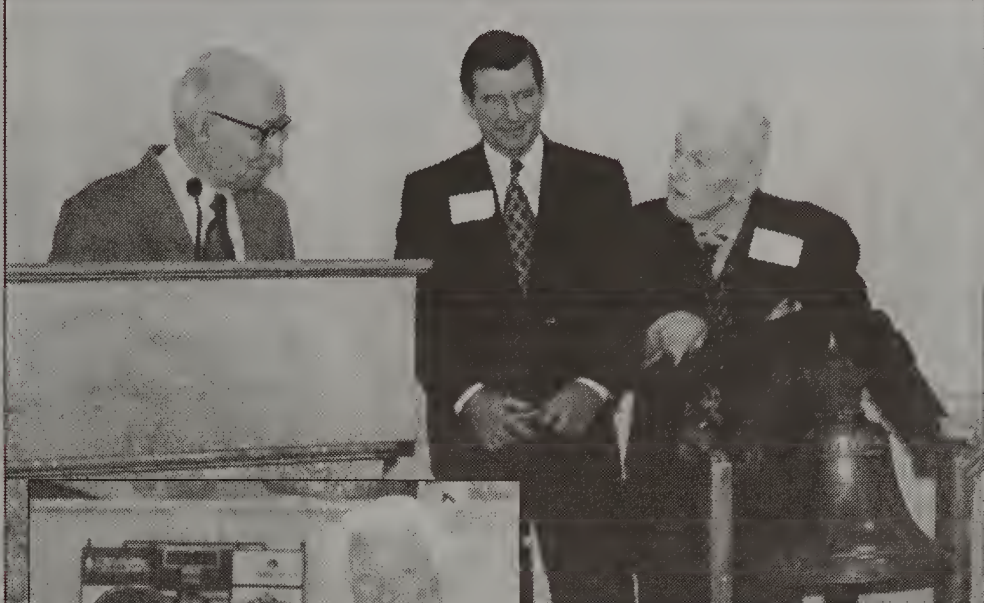
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Historic Bell Ringing
DECEMBER 1997
Dr. Bentley Sloane '27, Dr. Leonard Riggs Jr. '64 and Mr. Leonard Riggs Sr. '28 ring historic bell

Legacy Luncheon
APRIL 1998
Scholarship Recipient Amy Boltinghouse '99 chats with Scholarship Benefactor C. Walter Dobie '54

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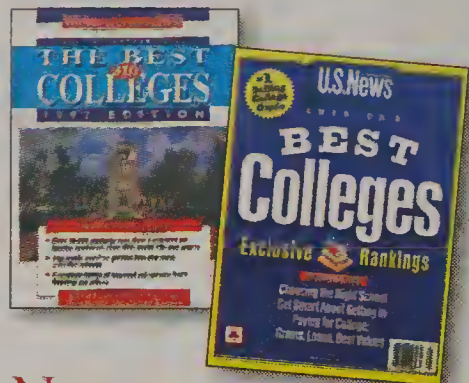
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SNAPSHOTS

1997-98



NATIONAL RECOGNITION

CHOIR SINGS AT WHITE HOUSE. The Choir sang on Dec. 5, 1997 at a reception hosted by President and Mrs. Bill Clinton.

NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS RECOGNIZE CENTENARY:

■ No. 1 "Best College Value" among the South's regional colleges and universities, *U.S. News and World Report*, September, 1998 ("7th among the 'Best College Values' in the South," *U.S. News and World Report*, September, 1997)

■ "8th among the South's Top 15 regional colleges and universities," *U.S. News and World Report*, August, 1998

■ "6th among the South's Top 15 regional colleges and universities," *U.S. News and World Report*, August, 1997

■ "Among the nation's 150 Best College Values," *Money Magazine*, 1997

■ "12th among Best Buys in the Southwest," *Money Magazine*, 1997

■ "One of 92 colleges in the nation selected," *The Student Guide to America's Best Scholarships*, 1998-99

■ "One of 87 colleges in the nation chosen," *America's Best Christian Colleges*, 1999

■ *Peterson's Four Year Colleges*, 1997

■ *Peterson's Competitive Colleges: Top Colleges and Universities in the U.S. for the World's Best Students*, 1997-98

CHEMISTRY CLUB AMONG NATION'S TOP 8%. The Centenary Chemistry Club received a citation

from the American Chemical Society that placed it in the top 8 percent of ACS recognized chemistry clubs in the nation.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

LARGEST CONTRIBUTION EVER: \$10 MILLION. \$2 MILLION GIFT MADE.

The largest contribution ever to Centenary College — \$10 million — was announced Oct. 16, 1997. The sum is to be doubled when it is matched by future gifts to Centenary's comprehensive campaign.

The College also announced a \$2 million anonymous gift in December 1997.

THREE NEW ENDOWED CHAIRS. Three families who are longtime supporters of Centenary made gifts that will result in Eminent Scholars Chairs at the College. When matched with Louisiana Board of Regents funds, they will form the College's first "super chair," the \$2 million R. Z. Biedenharn Chair in Communication, and two \$1 million chairs, the Bill and Sarah James Chair in Psychology and the Albert Sklar Chair in Geophysics.

EMINENT SCHOLARS CHAIR IN NEUROBIOLOGY. The Louisiana Board of Regents completed its \$400,000 funding to match the \$600,000 gift from Edwin Frost Whited to establish the Mary Amelia Douglas-Whited Eminent Scholars Chair in Neurobiology.

MAGALE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP. The Regents also completed the \$100,000 Joanna G. Magale Endowed Professorship.

TOPS SCHOLARSHIPS ARRIVE.

Centenary became the first private college in Louisiana to combine the State of Louisiana's innovative "TOPS" grants with sufficient funds to offer full-tuition to top freshmen entering in 1998-99. Louisiana's Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), effective for 1998 college freshmen, offers scholarships to students who meet certain requirements and attend any college or university in the state. Freshmen enrollment for fall 1998 increased by 30 percent over the previous year.



Choir Sings at White House

DECEMBER 1997

FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Over \$26.3 million were raised in 1996-97, including over \$3.0 million in annual giving. As of May 31, 1998, over \$18.0 million were raised in 1997-98, including \$2.4 million in annual giving.

ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT POLICY. The investment policy was revised to establish a spending policy, asset allocation and selection of new investment managers.

NATIONAL PREPAID TUITION PLAN.

Centenary joined a select group of private colleges and universities seeking to launch a national prepaid tuition program that will help reduce families' future college costs while bolstering enrollments. The Tuition Plan, Inc. (TPI), now being refined, will allow the prepayment of up to 100 percent of a child's future college tuition and room-and-board costs via purchasing contracts that lock in costs at today's prices or even lower.

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

NEW ROTARY HALL SUITES. Centenary dedicated its newest residence hall during festivities Oct. 16, 1997 on the terrace of Rotary Hall Suites. The \$2.4 million renovation project was part of an overall \$7 million bond project that is funding a number of campus projects.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS. The College has also added heating and air conditioning improvements, new residence hall furniture, a bus, various lighting projects, and a library networking system. A state-of-the-art biology lab and other new equipment for the sciences were added. New windows and carpeting were placed in the

Meadows Museum of Art. Major changes were made to the Magale Library, which now features new classrooms, carpet and an Internet Computer Café. New computer equipment and an extended network were placed on line. Haynes Gymnasium received a new aerobics and fitness center and a weight room.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SACS ACCREDITATION AND

CERTIFICATION. Centenary was reaccredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, following an 18-month Self Study. In addition, the NCAA team, which visited Centenary in connection with the accreditation visit of SACS, issued its report and certified Centenary's athletic programs without conditions.

FIRST-YEAR ADVISING. A new first-year advising program was developed and a common first-year course prepared for the fall of 1998.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE.

A new Centenary Leadership Institute was piloted and passed by the faculty. This institute was developed from Centenary's work with the American Council on Education/Kellogg Foundation's national program focused on transformational change.

9TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE. The conference continued to seek out and nurture those in leadership roles in Shreveport-Bossier.

11TH ANNUAL BOOK BAZAAR. The Friends of Centenary announced an all-time record profit of over \$28,000 from the 11th annual Book Bazaar.

DANISH VISITORS. For the second year, the Office of Intercultural Affairs coordinated and hosted a 10-day visit by members of the Danish Association of Teachers of English in a program that highlighted Southern literature and culture.

CURTIS GARDEN ADDED. The Wayne Curtis Memorial Garden, Centenary's newest garden, was dedicated Oct. 4, 1997. The garden honors the late Mr. Curtis (BA '69, MBA '87), a Shreveport business and civic leader and former president of the Centenary Alumni Association.

TAAC RESIGNATION/SOUTHLAND

APPLICATION. The College gave the necessary two years' notice for its withdrawal from the Trans American Athletic Conference (TAAC) and applied for membership in the Southland Conference.

STUDY SERIES. The spring Literary Study Series took an in-depth look at works by Elizabeth Spencer, who spoke at a spring luncheon.



College Dedicates Rotary Hall Suites

OCTOBER 1997



HONORARY DOCTORATES. Honored with the College's highest recognition, the honorary doctorate, during 1998 commencement exercises were: Bishop Dan E. Solomon of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church; Dr. Charles Black, a Shreveport physician and medical missionary; and Mr. Scott Simon, host of *Weekend Edition/Saturday* on National Public Radio.

GLOBEFEST. The College held its first Globefest: A Celebration of International Food, Fun and Friendship. During a two-week period, a variety of events related to travel and the world's many cultures were held both on and off campus. The capstone event was an International Food and Culture Fest held at the Barnwell Center. Globefest also celebrated the College's new International Travel Scholarship Program, which helps provide a round-trip airline ticket for every Centenary junior or senior who wishes to study in an approved academic program in any country.

HURLEY LIBRARY HONORS THREE. A reception and celebration were held in the Hurley Music Library in honor of three special friends: David Redwine, Robert Murray and the late Wayne Sanders. Each has contributed special music collections to the Music Library.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND ALUMNI

- Jimmy Van Doren, a senior from Jonesboro, Ark., was a regional finalist in the Rhodes Scholar competition.
- Dr. Dana Kress, associate professor of French, was

selected for a Special Achievement Award from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for his groundbreaking research on the artist Jean Despujols.

■ Chemistry Professor Tom Ticich and junior chemistry and environmental science major Joseph West Jr. conducted research at the NASA-Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Their research used laser techniques to detect and characterize small metal clusters and to analyze trace metals in solutions. Part of their study laid the groundwork for applying the technique to the analysis of Martian soil.

■ Softball player Michelle Reeve was drafted by the Tampa Bay Firestix of the Women's Professional Fastpitch League.

■ Dr. Earle Labor, Wilson Professor of American Literature, was cited as "undoubtedly the most distinguished and prolific Jack London scholar" in the latest issue of *Resources for American Literary Study*. He also won recognition as a Robert Frost authority and participated in an international Frost conference.

■ Biology Professor Ed Leuck received a special award for his dedication and success in the development of the Centenary Arboretum, which has more species of native plants than any other arboretum in the state.

■ Financial Aid Director Mary Sue Rix was named "Woman of the Year" by the Louisiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

■ Science faculty members and students made good use of the largest science grant Centenary has ever received — the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Award. Faculty and students were engaged in summer research both at Centenary and at the LSU Medical Center.

■ Herbert Lang, Centenary basketball player and a senior from Brinkley, Ark., won the NCAA's national Slam Dunk competition during a nationally broadcast event March 26, 1998 on ESPN.

■ Dr. Mark Fisch, chairman of the Department of Sociology, edited the book *Criminology 98/99* for the McGraw-Hill publishing firm.

■ Dr. Mark Gruettner, assistant professor of German, was the author of *Intertextuality and Social Criticism in Guenter Grass's Headbirths and The Rat*.

■ Professor Emeritus Lee Morgan was the author of the book *Dr. Johnson's 'Own Dear Master': The Life of Henry Thrale*, published in the spring of 1998 by the University Press of America.

■ Founders' Day, April 2, and Alumni and Family Weekend, April 2-5, included special awards to Dr. Bettina Hilman, Alumni Hall of Fame; Judge Carl E. Stewart and Mr. Fletcher Thorne-Thomsen, Honorary Alumni; and Katherine Turner Cheesman, Alumni Loyalty Award.

■ Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame were Mitch Ashmore, Ken Babcock, Jill Brown Hirsch, Larry Little, Joe Prather, Albert Thomas, and Bob F. Wright.

■ Because of his role as co-editor of Centenary's French-language newspaper *Le Tintamarre*, French student Clint Bruce was invited to meet with Pierre Cassan, the secretary general of the Haut Conseil de la Francophonie.

■ Junior Jennifer Phifer won the top honor at the Alpha Chi National Honor Society regional meeting for her paper, which was an analysis of the musical composition in T.S. Eliot's poem "East Coker."

■ President Kenneth Schwab was elected to serve on the board of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church. He was also selected to serve as secretary of the Associated Colleges of the South, chairman of the Louisiana Independent College Foundation, and a member of the



Trustees Accept \$10 Million Contribution

OCTOBER 1997

Education Cabinet of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

■ Centenary's Outstanding Teaching Award went to Dr. Rodney Grunes, chairman of the Department of History and Political Science. The Alumni Research Grant was awarded to Dr. Mark Fisch, chairman of the Department of Sociology.

■ A new work by Dr. Thomas Stone, assistant professor of music, was premiered by the University of North Texas Wind Symphony. Entitled "Carnevale," the piece is a compilation and arrangement of music introduced by Igor Stravinsky. It was orchestrated for a chamber wind ensemble of 11 players.

■ Senior Jimmy Jones, a physics and geology major, was one of seven students nationally to receive \$1,000 scholarships from the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) Foundation.

■ Biology professors Beth and Ed Leuck were nationally featured on the cover and in the lead of an article about faculty couples. The article appeared in the April 17, 1998 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

■ Michael Farris, who graduated from Centenary College in May 1997, was chosen to receive a national Undergraduate Polymer Research Award. Nominees for the award were required to be seniors and had to present their findings or have had them published. Farris was one of ten national recipients, who were selected based upon their knowledge of Polymer chemistry.

SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS

CORRINGTON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LITERATURE. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Anthony Hecht received the Corrington Award for Literary Excellence from Centenary.

DR. BRIAN LEVIN AND THOMAS HALPERN, experts on hate and extremist groups, kicked off the 1997-98 academic year at the President's Convocation. Their appearance was the first event in a year-long series of programs related to the year's theme of "Tolerance/Intolerance." All first-time students received a copy of their book, *The Limits of Dissent: The Constitutional Status of Armed Civilian Militias*.

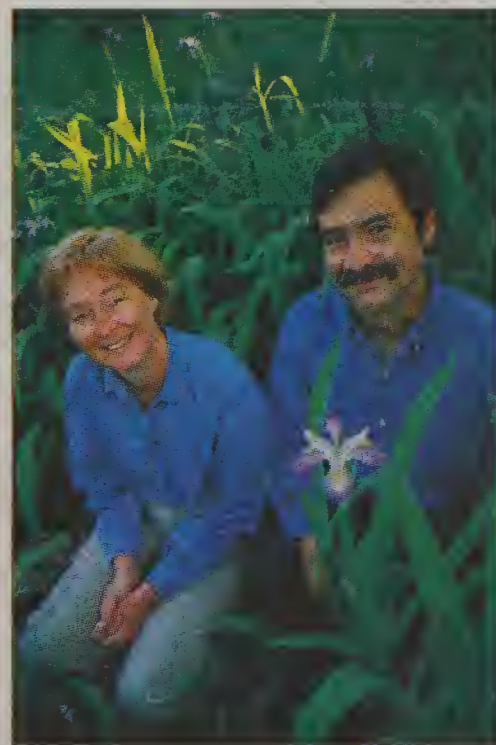
CENTENARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SPEAKER. Former governor and congressman Charles "Buddy" Roemer discussed "Ethics in Politics" at the first public lecture sponsored by Centenary's new Leadership Institute.

NPR'S SCOTT SIMON AT COMMENCEMENT. Scott Simon, host of *Weekend Edition/Saturday* on National Public Radio, spoke at commencement on May 9, 1998 in the Gold Dome.

A WEALTH OF SPEAKERS, LECTURERS:

■ Convocation speakers included Andrei Codrescu of New Orleans, commentator for National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*; Dr. Charles Kegley Jr. of the University of South Carolina, on American foreign policy and international relations; Rachel Gaunt, on "BADvertising;" Teja Arboleda on "Ethnic Man;" Brenda Marie Osby, poet; Federal Judge Carl Stewart, on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s leadership; and Mariah Burton Nelson, whose topic was "The Stronger Women Get, the More Men Love Football."

■ Attorney-Author Frank-Dieter Freiling of Hamburg, Germany spent a week on campus as a German Marshall Fund Fellow.



Chronicle of Higher Education Features Professors Beth & Ed Leuck

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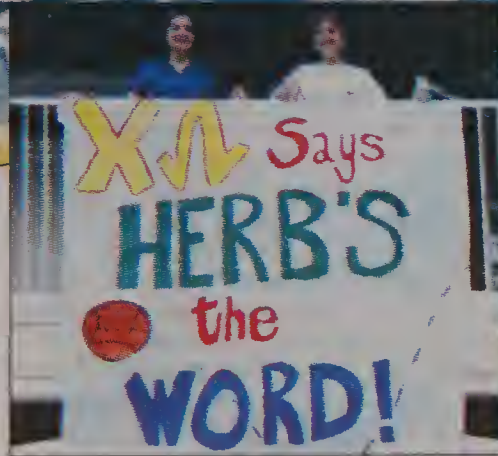
■ Curtis Meadows of the Meadows Foundation spoke at the fall luncheon of the Paul Brown Society.

■ Dr. Ron Chesser of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory spoke during the Science Division Colloquium series.

■ George W. Hester Jr. of the Hester Advisory Group spoke on "Preserving Family Wealth."

■ Louise Cort, curator of the Freer Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution; Leedom Lefferts, a Southeast Asian specialist and cultural anthropologist from Drew University; and John Stubbs, vice president of programs for the World Monuments Funds, spoke at the Meadows Museum during a program connected with the historic Despujols Photographs exhibition.

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Herb Lang Wins National Slam Dunk Competition

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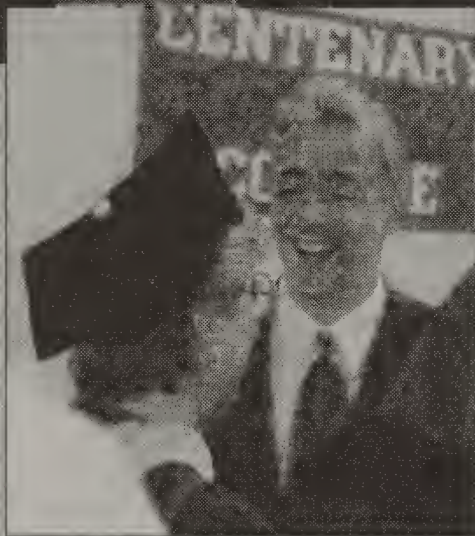
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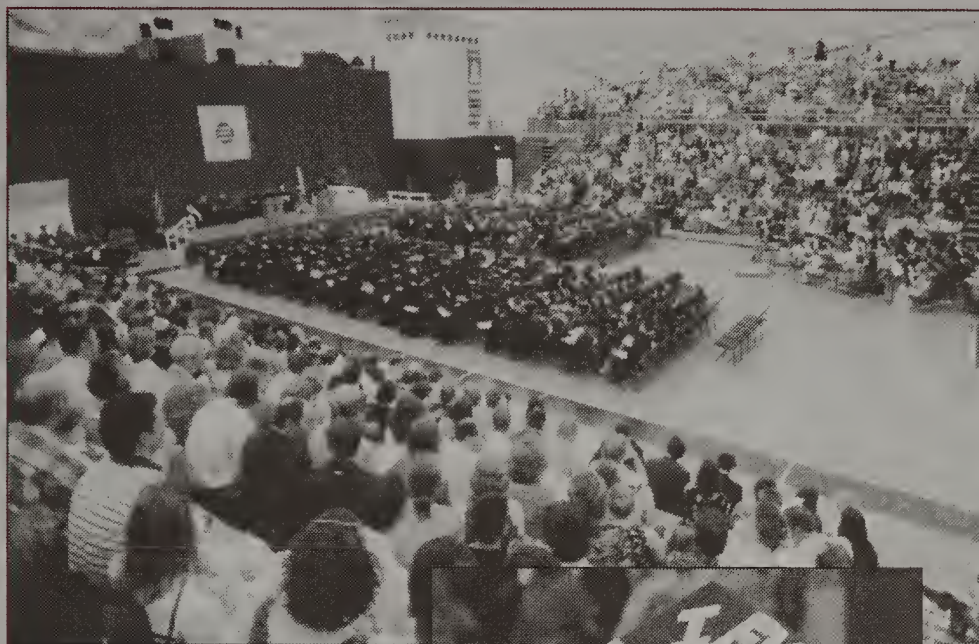
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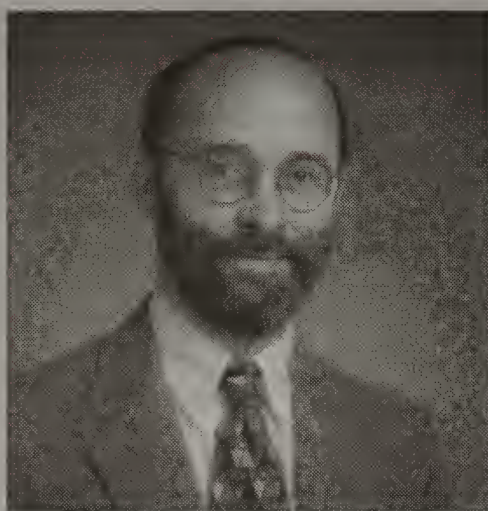
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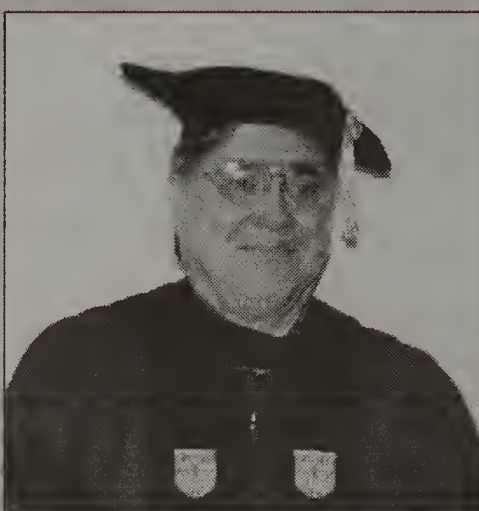
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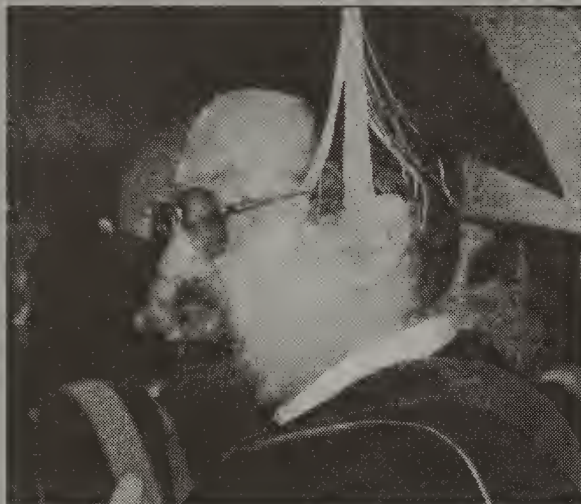
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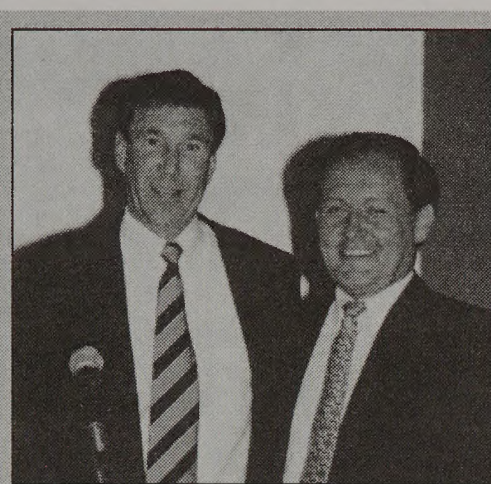
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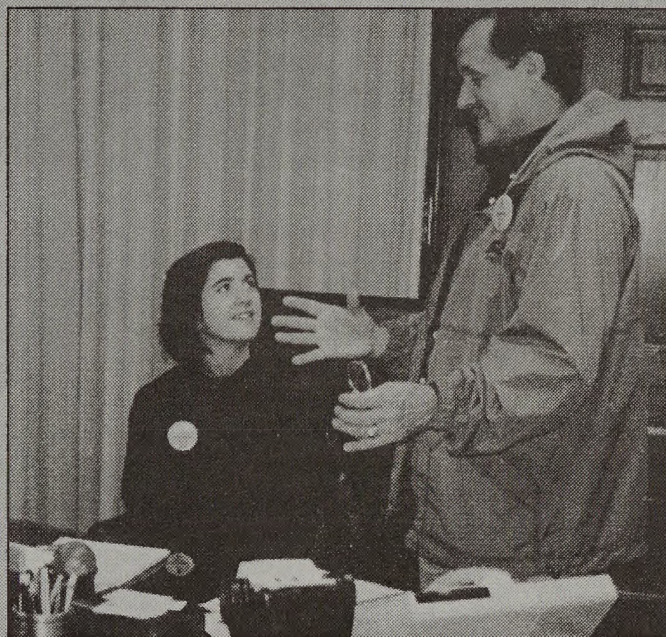
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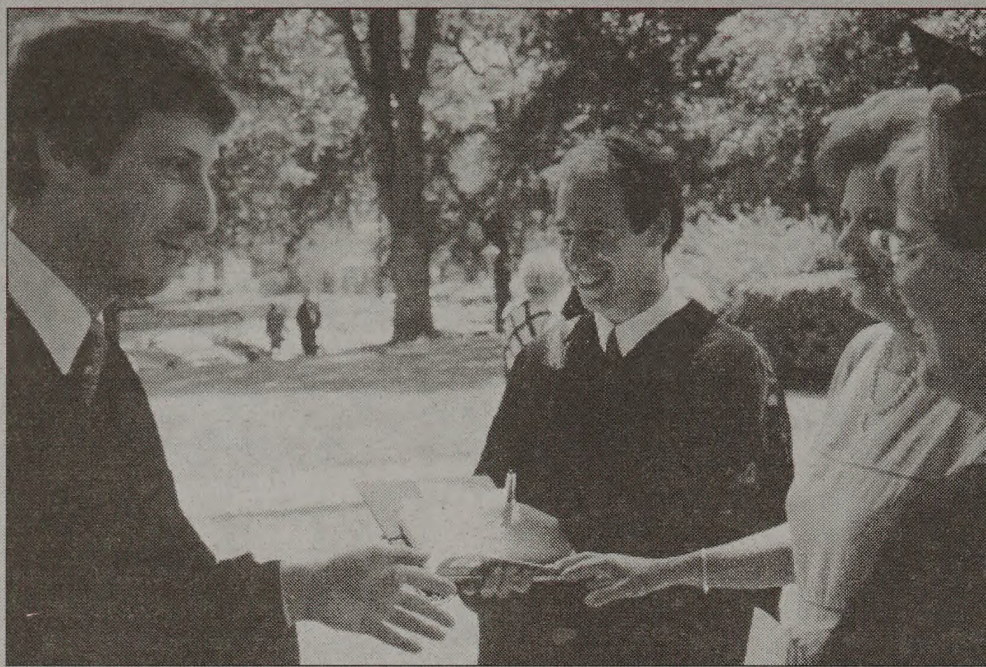
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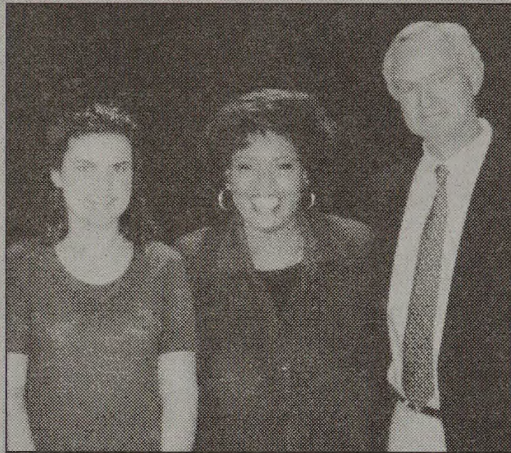
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■ Dr. Hum Dac Dui, a representative of the CaoDai faith, spoke at an event sponsored by the School of Church Careers.

■ Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Margaret Gibson and David McKain, authors, spent a week on campus this spring.

■ Chemist and poet Peppino Vlnnes spoke during National Poetry Month.

■ Dr. Jeanne Campbell Reesman of the University of Texas in San Antonio spoke on "Tramps Abroad: the Literary Careers of Mark Twain and Jack London."

■ Lighthouse Director Ron Anderson spoke during a Centenary breakfast honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

OUTSIDE PERFORMERS

included Grammy award-winning singer Barbara Bailey Hutchinson; "Humorous Hypnotist" Dan LaRosa; illusionists Kevin and Cindy Spencer; acoustic guitarist Michael Gulezian; Comedian Mark Britten; and actors Julie Oliver and Sean Duffey of the cast of MTV's *The Real World*, who discussed a range of issues related to "tolerance and intolerance." Bands included Domestic Problems and Ragedy Ann.

ARTS, DANCE, MUSIC, THEATER EVENTS

■ The Meadows Museum of Art held the exhibits "French Colonial Realism: Indochina in the Camera's Eye," "Please Touch," "The Hargrove Collection of Tribal Art," "Ultra Realistic Sculpture" by Marc Sijan, "Christmas Tree Ornaments from the Bush White House," "All Stars: American Sporting Prints from the Collection of Reba and Dave Williams," and "Inuit Art from the Collection of Jack and Jean Stein." Turner Art Center exhibited works by Don Thornton, the Hoover Watercolor Society, Margarette Monsour, Robert St. John, Deborah Howard and Mike Dean.

■ The Marjorie Lyons Playhouse presented *Angels in America*, Part I and Part II; *God's Country*; *Lost in Yonkers*; and *Grand Hotel*.

■ Internationally renowned pianist Mark Zeltser joined the Centenary faculty in January as professor of music and artist-in-residence. Professor Zeltser spoke and

performed during the annual Founders' Day Convocation. He has performed with some of the world's greatest orchestras and has won several international piano competitions. During the summer, he was a guest artist with the Dallas Symphony, receiving critical acclaim and standing ovations.

■ The Centenary Opera Workshop, directed by Dr. Horace English, presented a fully staged and costumed version of Act II of Johann Strauss Jr.'s comic masterpiece *Die Fledermaus*.

■ Music and dance events included the Centenary Choir's *Rhapsody in View* and numerous other appearances, faculty and student recitals, Wind and Jazz Ensemble concerts, Friends of Music series, Camerata Christmas Concert, annual Wideman piano competition, the annual Candlelight Christmas service and the campus lighting ceremony.

■ The Shenandoah Shakespeare Express, a professional touring company, presented *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Measure for Measure* and *Richard III* during a week of performances.

■ The Centenary Film Society hosted a visit by award-winning Louisiana filmmaker Pat Mire and the North Louisiana premiere of

his film *Dirty Rice*. The Society also hosted a visit by Louisiana filmmaker Beverly Lewis, who spoke on campus and introduced her documentary film *American Utopia*.

■ The Centenary Dance Program sponsored an appearance and workshop by Gracey Tune, internationally known tap dancer. Ms. Tune, the founding artistic director of Arts on Tap, took part in Centenary's "Master Dance Teachers Series," a program made possible by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts Decentralized Arts Funding Program.



Professor Bob Buseick works with actors in *Lost in Yonkers*.

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